technology in blending formulation, handling and distribution of lubricants; design, construction and operation of lubricant blending plants; training of employees; relevant technical services in support of lubricant business and the latest developments in R&D of lubricants and their formulations. In addition; suitable personnel of BPCL would be seconded to the JVC at various levels and be trained by Shell for various job requirements.

(iv) Shell brand lubricants would be initially blended at BPCL's Blending Plant at Wadibunder, Bombay for a fee.

(v) BPCL would provide its network of depots and retail outlets for storage, distribution and sale of JVC products for a fee.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is anticipated that the JVC will have its first blending plant by December, 1996.

(d) BPCL's existing blending plants would continue to blend BPCL's range of automotive and industrial lubricants.

Financial assistance to companies importing petroleum products

1231. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions under which permission is given for importing petroleum and natural gas;

(b) whether Government provide any financial assistance to the companies for import of petroleum and natural gas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) All decanalised petroleum products can be imported under the Import-Export Policy in force.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pending projects of Uttar Pradesh in Petroleum Sector

1232. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of various oil schemes and projects in Uttar Pradesh lying pending with the central Government;

(b) the reasons for the delay if any; and

(c) the time by when these projects and schemes are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

गुजरात में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस संयंत्रों का विस्तार और आधुनिकीकरण

1233. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहन सिंह संगरोला** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान गुजरात में मेहसाणा, अंकलेश्वर बड़ौदा, सावरमती और हजीरा स्थित, तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस संयंत्रों का विस्तार और आधुनिकीकरण करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने गुजरात में तेल और प्राकृतिक गैस इकाइयों के लिए विकास संबंधी कोई कार्य-योजना बनायी है ; और

(च) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और इसके लिए कितनी धनराशि आवंटित की गई है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (घ) जी, हां। 1245.62 करोड़